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NEW BRIDGES TO BE BUILT

NEW DANUBE BRIDGE TO BE BUILT -- L'ud, No 74, 29 Mar 49

In the fighting for Bratislava in April 1945 the railroad bridge over the Danube was left in ruins. A new bridge now under construction will be completed in the second half of next year. The Škoda and Vitkovice factories are supplying materials for it, but, because of the large number of foreign orders they have to fill, they will not be able to deliver all the material as soon as could be hoped.

The new bridge will enable rail traffic to reach Adriatic ports directly through western Hungary and through the Yugoslav cities of Koprivnica and Zagreb, without going through Austria as is done now. This will afford a considerable saving in customs tariffs alone.

The bridge will have seven spans, the middle one being 90 meters long. The two end spans will be 30 meters long each; the others, 75 meters. The 75-meter spans will be supplied by the Vitkovice Ironworks. The others will come from Skoda. The bridge will be 500 meters long /sic/.

The bridge will be built in so-called "rhombic sections."

Two hundred twenty carloads of iron are being used for the structure.

Fifty carloads of scrap from the old bridge have been hauled away by rail so far, and a great deal remains. It will be cleaned up by summer.

SLOVAKIA BRIDGE RESTORED -- Pravda, No 73, 27 Mar 49

The restored Masaryk Bridge across the Vah at Piest'any will soon be opened for public use. The original bridge, 252 meters long, was one of the longest in Slovakia. German troops, during their retreat in 1945, destroyed four sections of this bridge, totaling 143 meters in length. Restoration was accomplished within the planned time. After a load test on 29 March, the bridge will be reopened to traffic. Total expense of restoration amounts to 10,800,000 crowns.

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NEW TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION TO BE INTRODUCED -- Rule Bravo, No 72, 26 Mar 49

In the near future, telephone communications with the following overseas countries and territories will be established; Alaska, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Salvador, and Trinidad.

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